



Kindness and Care for Animals

**LIVING WITH WILDLIFE
Beaver and Coyote Public Forum**

**Free and Open to the Public
Saturday February 11, 2006
10:00 am -12:30 pm**

Framingham Public Library, Costin Room
49 Lexington Street
Framingham, MA 01702
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The MSPCA will be hosting an open forum for local residents to discuss human-wildlife conflicts and how to best resolve them. Experts will be on hand to explain how the current law does in fact adequately provide protection to both animals and humans.

The MSPCA will also be unveiling their newest educational video entitled "Co-existing With Coyotes" This video offers basic information and preventative tips on living safely with coyote, critter proofing your home and yard to discourage coyote, what to do if you encounter a coyote and much more. Attendance is free and no registration is required.

The MSPCA created the Living With Wildlife program to promote peaceful coexistence between people and wildlife in Massachusetts. By helping to resolve human-animal conflicts, we are ensuring that Massachusetts remains on the forefront of progressive, humane management of its valuable wildlife.

**10:00 am The Wildlife Protection Act
Stephanie Hagopian, Director, Living With Wildlife Program**

Stephanie will provide an overview of this law and the options available to public and private landowners who are dealing with wildlife-related conflicts. There will also be an opportunity to view a video that profiles what other municipal leaders across the state have done to resolve their flooding conflicts.

**10:20 am Flow Devices
Mike Callahan, Owner, Beaver Solutions: Consulting and Beaver Management Services**

Mike will provide an overview of different types of flow devices and information about the methods and techniques necessary for effective installation and maintenance. Beaver Solutions has resolved hundreds of beaver-human conflicts across the state and in New England and are considered a national leader on mitigating beaver-related flooding. They have extensive experience working with private landowners, major railroads, highway departments, public utilities, state and federal agencies, private businesses, and conservation groups.

11:00am Coyote in MA

Jonathan Way, Ph.D. is the state's foremost coyote researcher and the leader of the eastern coyote ecology project in eastern Massachusetts. He has conducted research on radio-collared coyotes in Cape Cod and Boston and has published "Movement and Activity Patterns of Eastern Coyote in a Coastal, Suburban Environment" in *Northeastern Naturalist* in 2004. Jon will talk about the natural history and behavior of coyote. Information about ways to safely coexist with coyote will also be a focus.

11:45-12:00 Video viewing Learning to Live with Coyote a Misunderstood Animal

Premiere our latest educational video offering basic information and preventative tips on living safely with coyote, critter proofing your home and yard to discourage coyote, what to do if you encounter a coyote and more. It will be available for purchase for \$10.00 in VHS or DVD format the night of the forum. Suitable for public access television. Duration: 12 minutes.

12:00-12:30 pm Question and Answer Session